Senior Projects In-depth

Southeast Technical Institute
Mickelson Center, Room 209
Thursday, May 11, 2006
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Why implement a Senior Project?

A question we often hear from students is "Why do I have to learn this?" Senior Projects allow students the opportunity to consolidate and showcase the learning from their high school years into a meaningful and relevant project. It is their venue to connect with the world outside of school and to demonstrate they have the skills to go on to further education and/or enter the workforce. They become an "expert" in their chosen topic area and showcase the skills and abilities they have gained through their high school experience. The Senior Project provides students with focused and structured learning, gives them experience with the responsibility for meeting timelines, making decisions, doing research, making presentations, and preparing a presentation – all skills needed for success in the workplace. Senior Projects provide an opportunity for students to model the 3 R's for schools – rigor, relevance, and results! In addition, Senior Projects allow schools an avenue to promote the relevance and increase the rigor of the high school experience, especially the Senior year.

Presenters

Marsha Kucker, South Dakota High Schools That Work Director, and Scott Fossum, Central Area Tech Prep Coordinator, will present the workshop using the newly developed South Dakota Senior Project Framework Guide. The Senior Project Framework Guide is intended to be a "menu" for school districts to use in designing a local Senior Project program.   The Framework is divided into four phases – the research paper, the project, the portfolio and the presentation.

Who should attend?

A team of teachers, counselors, and administrators interested in raising high school standards and actively engaging all Seniors in a challenging and relevant educational process should attend the workshop. If you have implemented a Senior Project, are a year (or more) away from implementing a Senior Project, just beginning the planning process, or would like to know more about Senior Projects, this workshop will be informative and beneficial. This workshop will be more in-depth than the first series of Senior Project presentations. However, attendance during the first series of workshop is not required to attend this workshop.

What are the benefits?

The workshop will give the participants an opportunity to learn more about Senior Projects and begin utilizing the South Dakota Senior Project Framework Guide. Time will be allotted during the workshop to examine the Framework and begin the development of a local action plan. In addition, you will be able to hear from active practitioners who have implemented a Senior Project in their school district. The workshop hours can be banked for college credit.

What is the cost?

The registration fee is $25. However, there is no charge for Tech Prep Consortium and HSTW schools to attend this workshop. Tech Prep funds are also available to member schools to be used for substitute teacher and transportation expenses. .

Please return the registration form by Friday, May 5, 2006.

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Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee of the workshop.

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